GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:232
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REQUEST OF GUJARAT GOVERNMENT FOR REVISION OF FOODGRAIN ALLOTMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government for revision ofallotment quota of foodgrains for BPL families, provision of octane testing facility, reimbursement of actual road transportation charges for lifting of levy sugar etc. and issue of wheat to Roller Flour Mills in the State;

(b) whether any action has been taken by the Union Government on the demands of the State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Government of Gujarat has requested for permission to distribute the foodgrains at a lower scale to the BPL families than the norm of 25 kg per family per month since the State Government has identified 34 lakhs BPL families as against the estimated number of 21.20 lakhs. The State Government has been informed that the scale of issue of foodgrains to the BPL families should not be reduced, otherwise the entire exercise of targeting the PDS and increasing the allocation of foodgrains for the BPL families will loose its relevance.

No request has been received from the Government of Gujarat for octane testing facility.

A series of representations from different State Governments, including Gujarat to allow reimbursement of actual minimum road transportation charges for lifting of levy sugar have been received. The guidelines for transportation charges have been revised w.e.f. 01.04.96 wherein the transportation charges are payable at flat rates for each State to be fixed on the basis of the audited figure of expenditure incurred for previous years duly approved by the State Government concerned.

Government of Gujarat has requested for allotment of wheat quota to Roller Flour Mills(RFMs) at the predetermined export price against the export of wheat flour.

It has been decided to make wheat available to RFMs and other exporters on the condition that wheat products exported by them would not be less than 65% of the quantity of wheat lifted by them from the Central Pool. Wheat is being offered at Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) prices for the purpose of export of wheat products, while post-delivery expenses and zone-wise inland transport expenses are being reimbursed.